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## Man Who Abused Puppy Prohibited from Owning Animals for 10 Years

A man who abused his 3-month-old puppy in 2016 has been prohibited by a judge from owning, possessing or having access to animals for 10 years, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Deborah Brazil yesterday also placed Eljin Jermaul Holt, 28, of Los Angeles on three years of summary probation.

The defendant pleaded no contest on Sept. 18, 2017, to one felony count of cruelty to an animal and one misdemeanor count of cruelty to an animal. Under the terms of a plea agreement, the felony plea was withdrawn and the charge was dismissed yesterday after the defendant completed the required 60 days of community labor and an animal cruelty prevention class.

Deputy District Attorney Kevin Liu prosecuted case BA458129.

On Nov. 24, 2016, the defendant dragged and yanked his dog Indie, causing the puppy to bleed.

The case was investigated by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles.

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